

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Meeting with Australian Prime Minister Fraser - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Prime Minister Fraser will make an official visit to Washington from July 26 to 28, his first as Prime Minister. He will see the President and Secretary of State. Fraser wants a sort of free-floating session with you and the JCS together on the defense of the West.

You told Australian Defense Minister Killen that you would be pleased to have such a meeting. Such a meeting would be a new departure, but one we think warranted, given the Prime Minister's own personal interest in the subject. Fraser is also a former Defense Minister and greatly interested in defense problems. He is, of course, a close and vocal friend of the U.S., who strongly supports us in the Indian Ocean and has agreed to open Australian ports to NPW's.

If you approve, we will block your calendar 10:15 - 12:45, 28 July. After further discussions with the Australians, we will come up with suggestions on the format of the meeting.

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